

The Exhibit, the Object, & YOU!

AN OBSERVATION GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

Look at a museum exhibit or a virtual exhibit and answer these questions about it:

By reading the introductory text (virtual) or main label at the entrance of the museum exhibit, think about how the exhibit is organized. How does the title page of the virtual exhibit or the museum exhibit's colors, graphics, and labels with large type help you to understand the story or main ideas? How is the exhibit organized (main topic)?

Now review the exhibit a second time, carefully examining objects that interest you. Choose one of these objects without reading its label. Sketch it, write about it or if in the museum tell a fellow student about it.

Look at the object and the label. Together how do they tell the story of the exhibit?

Based on what you have observed, what is the exhibit about? What questions do you have about this topic?

What questions do you still have? Where could you go to find answers?

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